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MORGANTON, N. C., October 13th, 1869.

The Synod of North Carolina met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Archibald Currie, from Romans, 5th ch., 10th v.: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer.

The roll of ministers and churches was called, and the following members were found to be present:

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Ministers—Edward Hines, Jacob Doll, A. G. Hughes, A. Currie, Tho. U. Faucette, J. M. Atkinson, J. Henry Smith, F. H. Johnston, D. E. Jordan, J. C. Alexander, L. C. Vass and J. M. M. Caldwell.

Ruling-Elders—Thomas B. Donnell, W. H. Crow, J. H. Lindsay and William Bingham.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

Ministers—Jesse Rankin, D. A. Penick, Sr., R. Burwell, J. Douglas, Wm. N. Morrison, G. W. McPhail, D.D., R. H. Chapman, D.D., William Graves, Walter W. Pharr, T. N. Paxton, G. M. Gibbs, J. F. W. Freeman, S. C. Pharr, D.D., J. Hood, A. W. Miller, D.D., B. L. Beall, W. C. Sheetz, D. A. Penick, Jr., William W. Pharr, E. H. Harding, W. A. Wood, R. Z. Johnston, William McDonald, H. H. Banks and R. H. Caldwell.

Ruling-Elders—Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, A. G. Neal, R. S. White, J. R. Davidson, William Todd, J. M. Arnhart, L. C. Kirkpatrick, T. H. Robinson, R. McPherson, J. K. Graham, James T. Stewart, T. F. Beattie, Thomas Brown, E. B. Stinson, J. A. Witherspoon, J. M. Alexander, E. W. Faucette, S. W. Craig, E. Jones Erwin, J. B. Rankin, J. M. Greenlee and A. T. Summey.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Ministers—James P. McPherson, Neill McKay, D.D., J. M. Sherwood, M. McQueen, H. G. Hill, J. H. Colton, A. N. Ferguson and K. M. McIntyre.

Ruling-Elders—E. Kelly and B. Fuller.

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Ministers—Rev. S. C. Alexander, H. L. Singleton, S. H. Isler and L. McKinnon.

Ruling-Elders—E. W. Kerr and P. Murphy.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Ministers—G. W. Ferrill, S. A. Stanfield, P. H. Dalton, Drury Lacy, D.D., C. N. Morrow, Charles Phillips, D.D., C. H. Wiley, W. B. Tidball, H. B. Pratt and D. T. Towles.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

Ministers—R. H. Morrison, D.D., A. D. Montgomery, Daniel Lindley, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, T. P. Johnston, N. Shotwell, E. F. Rockwell, T. E. Davis, R. N. Davis, S. C. Millen, D.D., J. C. Williams, G. D. Parks, J. S. Barr, J. Rumple, Robert Bradley, R. B. Anderson and J. J. Kennedy.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Ministers—H. McLean, H. McNeill, A. McMillan, H. McAlister, D. D. McBryde, James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, D. Fairley and M. McNair.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Ministers—D. B. Black, C. Shaw, H. A. Munroe, N. Z. Graves, J. M. Sprunt, B. F. Marable and James Kelly.

Rev. Jesse Rankin was chosen Moderator, and Rev. R. Z. Johnston and Rev. Luther McKinnon temporary Clerks.

On motion, Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 14, 1869.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the standing rule respecting excuses be so changed as to read, that when a member gives his excuse for absence it shall be deemed satisfactory, unless a motion is made to the contrary.

Rev. Messrs. J. M. M. Caldwell, Wm. N. Morrison, W. Graves, J. F. W. Freeman, Jacob Hood, W. C. Sheetz, Wm. W. Pharr and William McDonald rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod.

Letters giving satisfactory reasons for absence from the present session of Synod were received from Rev. Messrs. H. McLean, M. McNair and S. A. Stanfield.

A communication was received from Rev. S. A. Stanfield relating to the Union Theological Seminary. This paper was, on motion, referred to the committee on the Seminary.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

1. On Bills and Overtures.—*Ministers:* A. W. Miller, D.D., R. Burwell and J. P. McPherson. *Ruling-Elders:* E. W. Faucette and E. W. Kerr.

2. Judicial Committee.—*Ministers:* R. H. Chapman, D.D., L. C. Vass and A. G. Hughes. *Ruling-Elders:* B. Fuller and J. B. Rankin.

3. On the Records of Orange Presbytery.—*Ministers:* E. H. Harding and J. Douglas. *Ruling-Elder:* A. G. Neal.

4. On the Records of Concord Presbytery.—*Ministers:* Jas. C. Alexander and D. E. Jordan. *Ruling-Elder:* W. H. Crow.

5. On the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery.—*Ministers:* H. H. Banks and H. L. Singleton. *Ruling-Elder:* E. B. Stinson.

6. On the Records of Wilmington Presbytery.—*Ministers:* A. Currie and Wm. McDonald. *Ruling-Elder:* T. B. Donnell.

7. To prepare an Address to the churches on the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod.—*Ministers:* J. H. Smith and J. H. Colton. *Ruling-Elder:* Wm. Bingham.

8. On Devotional Exercises.—*Ministers:* W. C. Sheetz and T. N. Paxton. *Ruling-Elder:* E. J. Erwin.

9. On the Treasurer's Account.—*Minister:* D. A. Penick, Jr. *Ruling-Elders:* A. T. Summey and P. Murphy.

10. On the Minutes of the General Assembly.—*Ministers:* G. W. McPhail, D. D., and J. M. Atkinson. *Ruling-Elder:* E. Nye Hutchinson.

11. On Union Theological Seminary.—*Ministers:* J. Rumple and T. U. Faucette. *Ruling-Elder:* J. H. Lindsay.

12. On the Report of the Trustees of Synod.—*Ministers:* H. G. Hill and Walter W. Pharr. *Ruling-Elder:* Dr. E. N. Hutchinson.

12. On Leave of Absence.—*Ministers:* William A. Wood and S. C. Alexander. *Ruling-Elder:* Thomas Brown.

Rev. P. H. Dalton rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The statistical reports from the Presbyteries were read and received. They are as follows:

THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

The Presbytery of Orange report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of 22 ministers, and have under their care 52 churches, 1 licentiate and 6 candidates: that on the 14th day of April, 1869, they dismissed, at his own request, Mr. William S. Lacy, a licentiate, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Abingdon; that on the 29th day of November, 1868, they organized the church of Spring Wood, in the southern part of Guilford County, and that since the last meeting of Synod they lost by death the Rev. Thos. Lynch.

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

Morganton, N. C., Oct. 14, 1869.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina the Presbytery of Concord reports:

1. That they consist of 44 ministers and 70 churches, and have under their care 1 licentiate and 13 candidates.

2. That 20 of their ministers are pastors; 9 are stated supplies: 1 is pastor elect, (W. A. Wood;) 1 is a foreign missionary to Southeastern Africa, (Daniel Lindley;) 2 are domestic missionaries, (Thos. P. Johnston and William Graves;) 6 are teachers, viz: G. W. McPhail, D.D., president of D. College and *ex officio* pastor of College church; E. F. Rockwell, president of C. F. College; Robert Burwell, principal of Charlotte Female Institute; R. B. Anderson, president of Yorkville F. College, S. C.; T. E. Davis and J. E. Morrison, principals of Mineral Spring Academy, Anson County, N. C.; 1 is evangelist, (B. L. Beall;) and 5 are without charge.

3. That they received Rev. Robert Bradley from the Presbytery of Harmony, April 29th, 1869.

4. That they dismissed Rev. Alexandar Sinclair to the First Presbytery of Philadelphia on 29th April, 1869.

5. That they licensed Mr. William N. Dickey to preach as a probationer on the 1st May, 1869, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Eastern Texas, on the same day.

6. That they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D., and the church of Caldwell on the 26th February, 1869; and that between Rev. Walter W. Pharr and Fourth Creek church on the 29th April, 1869; and that between Rev. N. Shotwell and the church of Rutherfordton on 30th April, 1869.

7. That they installed the Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D., pastor of Thyatira and Franklin (Rowan County) churches on the 22d May, 1869; and Rev. Walter W. Pharr pastor of Mallard Creek and Ramah churches on the 28th May, 1869; and Rev. Jesse Rankin pastor of Lenoir church (half his time) on the 13th June, 1869.

8. That they restored the name of "Flat Creek," (Buncombe County, N. C.) to the roll of their churches on the 2d September, 1869.

9. That 12 of their churches are vacant, viz: Wadesboro', Third Creek, Unity, (Rowan County,) Wilkesboro', Jefferson, Goshen, (Gaston County,) Machpelah, (Lincoln County,) Bethel, (Haywood County,) Franklin, (Macon County,) Hiwassee and Beulah, (Cherokee County,) and Flat Creek, (Buncombe County.)

10. That 8 of their 70 churches have a pastor all of his time, viz: Charlotte,

Sugar Creek, Hopewell, College, Concord Town, Rocky River, Poplar Tent and Salisbury; 3 have a pastor two-thirds of his time, viz: Steele Creek, Philadelphia and Thyatira; and 16 have a pastor half his time.

11. That 37 pastors and stated supplies received for their services last year the aggregate sum of $23,699, and an average salary of $640. 23 of their ministers received $600 and upwards; 9 received under $600.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Z. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 1869.

THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that at present they consist of 19 ministers, and have under their care 44 churches and 8 candidates for the ministry; that on the 27th day of December, 1868, they lost by death our venerable father, Rev. S. Colton, D.D.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Sharon Church, N. C., Oct. 9, 1869.

THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

The Presbytery of Wilmington would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that at present they consist of 11 ministers, and have under their care 25 churches, 3 licentiates and 2 candidates; that on the 25th day of September, 1869, they received by letter, from the Presbytery of Arkansas, Rev. N. Z. Graves; and that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. B. F. Marable and Oak Plane church.

Respectfully submitted.

L. McKINNON, Stated Clerk.

South River Chapel, Sept. 25, 1869.

The narratives on the state of religion from Orange, Concord, Fayetteville and Wilmington Presbyteries were read, and, on motion, they were referred to the committee to prepare an address to the churches on the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod.

On motion, it was resolved to take a recess regularly each day at 11 o'clock to attend public worship.

On motion, Rev. Neill McKay, D.D., Rev. James P. McPherson, and William Bingham, ruling-elder, were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable paper relative to the death of the late Rev. Simeon Colton, D.D.

On motion, Rev. A. Currie, Rev. F. H. Johnston, and T. B. Donnell, ruling-elder, were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable paper relative to the death of the late Rev. Thomas Lynch.

The annual report of the Trustees and Directors of Union

Theological Seminary was read, and, on motion, referred to the standing committee on the Seminary.

On motion, the filling of the vacancies in the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary was referred to the standing committee on the Seminary.

The reports on Systematic Benevolence from Orange, Concord, Fayetteville and Wilmington Presbyteries were read, and, on motion, they were ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Rev. G. W. McPhail, D.D., President of Davidson College, addressed the Synod in relation to the interests of that institution.

Rev. R. N. Davis and Rev. J. J. Kennedy appeared in Synod and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The committees appointed to prepare suitable papers in regard to the life and labors of Rev. Robert Tate, Rev. A. Wilson, D.D., and Rev. Daniel Johnson, not being prepared to report, were continued, and directed to report at the next session of Synod.

Rev. Ira T. Wyche, of the M. E. Church South, and Agent of the American Bible Society, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion, Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

After recess Synod met and resumed business.

Rev. Messrs. E. F. Rockwell, J. Rumple, N. Shotwell and J. S. Barr appeared in Synod and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Messrs. R. M. Rosebrough, J. R. B. Adams and D. A. Davis, ruling-elders, appeared in Synod and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

On motion, the report of the Agent of Sustentation was made the order of the day for Friday at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion, the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was made the first order of the day after recess on Friday.

The Agent of Education submitted his report, and, after some discussion, its further consideration was made the second order of the day for Friday.

The Synodical Agent of Publication submitted his report, which was, on motion, accepted.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 15, 1869.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell and Rev. G. M. Gibbs rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last session of Synod.

The Trustees of Synod submitted their report, which, together with a communication from the Trustees of Concord Female College, was referred to the committee on the report of the Trustees of Synod.

The unfinished business of yesterday was taken up, when the report of the Agent of Publication was ordered to be placed in the hands of the Editor of the "North Carolina Presbyterian," to be used at his discretion.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock was taken up, when the Synodical Agent of Sustentation submitted his report, which was accepted and ordered to be placed in the hands of the Editor of the "North Carolina Presbyterian," to be used at his discretion.

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to have printed every year, on the last page of the minutes, a carefully prepared docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

On motion, it was resolved that the following overture be sent to the next General Assembly, viz:

TO THE REV. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S., TO BE HELD IN LOUISVILLE, KY., MAY 19, 1870:

"The Synod of North Carolina does hereby respectfully overture the General Assembly to provide for the Synods' calling a meeting of Presbyteries, during the sessions of Synod, for the transaction of their own or the Synods' business, when the Presbyteries have failed to appoint such meeting."

The committee appointed to prepare a suitable paper relative to the death of the late Rev. Simeon Colton, D.D., submitted their report, which was accepted and ordered to be published in the "North Carolina Presbyterian."

On motion, Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

After recess Synod met and resumed business.

The committee on the report of the Trustees of Synod made their report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The committee on the report of the Trustees of Synod, and the memorial from the Trustees of Concord Female College, would report as follows:

1. They recommend that the report of the Trustees of Synod, so far as it relates to the history of the Lorantz legacy, and the notes from that source now held by them, be published in the appendix to the minutes.

2. They recommend that the Trustees of Synod be instructed to make such a compromise with the parties from whom the notes held are due as they may deem wise and just, and as may lead to the most speedy settlement of the claims in their hands.

3. They recommend also that the Trustees be directed to pay over any funds coming into their hands from these claims to Rev. J. Henry Smith, Synodical Agent of Publication and Colportage, to be used in furthering the Colportage work in such a way as not to diminish the principal.

4. They furthermore recommend that the thanks of Synod be tendered to their present Trustees for the fidelity and diligence with which they have attended to the business intrusted to them.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Agent of Foreign Missions submitted his report, which was accepted and ordered to be placed in the hands of the Editor of the "North Carolina Presbyterian," to be used at his discretion.

The following resolutions, appended to the above-mentioned report on Foreign Missions, were adopted:

1. Resolved, That the Synod is free and safe in commending this object to the prayerful attention and liberal support of all the members under their care, knowing no greater motive than the love of Christ, and no higher reward than his approval.

2. Resolved, That notice be given for united prayer to God by all our churches and people, on the 5th Sabbath in October, for the blessing of God to attend the efforts of our church in her Foreign Missionary operations and that the Holy Spirit may be poured out upon our devoted brethren in their arduous labors among the heathen.

The committee on the records of Orange Presbytery reported, recommending their approval. This report was adopted.

The committee on the records of Fayetteville Presbytery reported, recommending their approval. This report was adopted.

The committee on the records of Wilmington Presbytery reported, recommending their approval. This report was adopted.

The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly made a verbal report, stating that they found nothing in the said minutes requiring the special attention of Synod. This report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee on the Treasurer's account made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee on the Treasurer's account make the following report:
They find that the Treasurer has received—

From Orange Presbytery	$75 00
" Concord Presbytery	75 00
" Fayetteville Presbytery	50 00
	$200 00
And that he has paid out and has proper vouchers for	142 97
Leaving a balance on hand of	$57 03

Your committee would recommend the following assessments to meet the expenses of Synod for the ensuing year, viz:

Orange Presbytery,	$65 00
Concord Presbytery,	75 00
Fayetteville Presbytery,	40 00
Wilmington Presbytery,	25 00
	$205 00

Raleigh was chosen as the place, and the first Wednesday in October 1870, at 7½ o'clock P. M., as the time, for the next meeting of the Synod.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to have one thousand copies of the Minutes of the present session of Synod published in pamphlet form.

The unfinished business was taken up, and the report of the Synodical Agent of Education was further considered. The report, as amended, was ordered to be placed in the hands of the Editor of the "North Carolina Presbyterian," to be used at his discretion.

The Judicial committee reported that nothing requiring

action had been placed in their hands. This report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Rev. John M. Sherwood, a director of Union Theological Seminary, being called upon, rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of the Board of Directors.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 16, 1869.

Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

An overture to the Synod from the Presbytery of Concord, relative to the division of the said Presbytery, was read, and, on motion, it was referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

The committee appointed to prepare an address to the churches on the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod submitted their report, which was accepted, and the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That 1146 copies of the address to the churches on the state of religion be printed in circular form, and that six copies be sent to each church in the Synod.

A letter was read from Rev. J. C. Williams giving satisfactory reasons for absence from the last and present sessions of Synod.

The committee on the records of Concord Presbytery made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

The committee on the records of Concord Presbytery report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend that the said records be approved with the following exception: That the circular letter of the Moderator calling a meeting of Presbytery does not appear in the minutes.

The committee on Bills and Overtures reported, recommending the adoption of the overture from Concord Presbytery relative to the division of the said Presbytery. The overture is in the following words:

OVERTURE.

The Presbytery of Concord being persuaded that the work of the Lord would be more efficiently performed, and at the same time much labor, expense and time saved, by a division of its territory, churches, ministers and candidates, most respectfully overtures the venerable Synod of North Carolina to set off from the territory of Concord Presbytery, in order to form a new Presbytery to be called "The Presbytery of Mecklenburg," the following counties, viz: Anson, Union, such part of Mecklenburg as lies south and west of a line beginning at Beattie's Ford on Catawba River and running thence with the road to Concord Town until said road meets the Cabarrus County line, Lincoln, Gaston, Cleveland, Polk, Rutherford, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Madison, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Clay and Cherokee; with the following churches, ministers and candidates, viz:

Churches—Ramah, Mallard Creek, Charlotte, Sugar Creek, Steele Creek, Pleasant Hill, Hopewell, Caldwell, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Providence, Sharon, Wadesboro', Lebanon, Unity, Castanea Grove, Machpelah, Goshen, New Hope, Olney, Dallas, Lincolnton, Long Creek, Shelby, Little Brittain, Rutherfordton, Sandy Plains, Swannanoa, Asheville, Flat Creek, Hendersonville, Mills River, Davidson's River, Bethel (Haywood county,) Franklin, Ebenezer, Hiwassee and Beulah.

Ministers—R. H. Morrison, D.D., J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, Walter W. Pharr, John Douglas, Robert Burwell, A. W. Miller, D.D., G. D. Parks, J. C. Williams, R. Z. Johnston, Wm. McDonald, R. B. Anderson, J. F. W. Freeman, R. N. Davis, J. S. Barr, John J. Kennedy, Nathan Shotwell, Robert H. Chapman, D.D., Thos. E. Davis, W. N. Morrison, H. H. Banks, Wm. Graves and Jacob Hood.

Candidates—C. N. Hutchinson, T. P. Maxwell, Charles M. Douglass, George Summey and James H. Morrison.

This Presbytery of Mecklenburg will thus embrace 17 counties, 38 churches, 23 ministers and 5 candidates. Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery.

R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk of Concord Presbytery.

Morganton, N. C., October 15, 1869.

The report of the committee of Bills and Overtures is as follows:

The committee of Bills and Overtures, to whom was referred the overture of the Presbytery of Concord touching the erection of a new Presbytery out of a portion of its territory, to be styled "The Presbytery of Mecklenburg," unanimously recommend

I. That the Synod of North Carolina do erect a new Presbytery out of a portion of its territory, to be styled "The Presbytery of Mecklenburg," with the boundary, churches, ministers and candidates in accordance with said overture.

II. That the Presbytery of Mecklenburg be directed to convene for the first time in the parlor of Mrs. Robert Pierson, in the town of Morganton, N. C., this morning, October 16th, 1869, at 11½ o'clock; and that the Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D., preside as Moderator.

This report was adopted.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod has heard with great satisfaction that many schools and academies in the State, of various grades, do receive and teach candidates for the ministry, and the sons and daughters of our ministers, without charge for tuition, and affording them other facilities.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod does hereby give thanks to the Great Head of the Church, in that while He calls so many of our youth to prepare for the work of the Gospel Ministry, He has at the same time put it into the hearts of these brethren to extend their generous aid where it was most needed; and this Synod takes unfeigned pleasure in heartily acknowledging the service thus rendered by them to the church.

The committee on Union Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee on the report of the Trustees and Directors of Union Theological Seminary, having carefully examined the documents placed in their hands, respectfully report that the condition of the Seminary is such as to call, in a special manner, for thankfulness to God for the measure of prosperity He has been pleased to give to this institute of sacred learning.

From this report it will appear that the Seminary is in successful operation; that twenty-six students were in attendance during the last year—six of whom completed their course.

The Seminary has investments of the nominal value of $145,875 01, and possesses a library of 5800 volumes.

At their last meeting the Trustees adopted a revised "Constitution and Plan," which has been approved by the General Assembly and is now presented for ratification to the Synod of North Carolina.

In accordance with a request of the Board of Trustees, your committee recommend that the Synod proceed now to inquire whether provision has been made by the respective Presbyteries to pay the traveling expenses of Directors in attending the meetings of the Board.

We also recommend that the Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, the Rev. F. H. Johnston, and Mr. Patrick Murphy, ruling-elder of Wilmington church, be appointed Directors for the next four years. And that Mr. A. T. Summey, ruling-elder of Asheville church, be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. M. V. Lanier, made vacant by a standing rule of Synod for non-attendance without excuse.

The committee further recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of the Synod, viz:

1. Resolved, That the amended "Constitution and Plan" adopted by the Board of Trustees be approved and ratified by this Synod.

2. Resolved, That if the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary shall deem it wise to change the sessions and vacations of the Seminary before the next annual meeting of the Board, the Synod of North Carolina will approve the same.

3. Resolved, That as the office of Elector is not recognized by the new charter (the power of electors being vested in the Board of Trustees,) that the Stated Clerk be directed to omit the printed list of Electors, but continue to publish the names of the Directors in the Appendix to the Minutes as heretofore.

In conclusion, we recommend that the Synod expresses its confidence in this Seminary, as affording to her young men, who are preparing for the ministry,

advantages of a high order; and that the prayers of all our church to her Great Head be invited, that He would send forth more laborers into His harvest.

The committee appointed to prepare a plan for systematic collections in the churches of this Synod made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee appointed to prepare a plan for systematic collections in the churches of this Synod beg leave to present the following:

I. Your committee are of opinion that uniformity as to the manner of paying contributions into the treasury cannot easily be attained, but in this there ought to be uniformity, viz: That each church-member should regard it as a solemn Christian duty, upon the first day of the week to lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. (See 1 Cor., 16th c., 2d v.)

II. With regard to the manner of paying these contributions into the treasury several plans have been in use in different parts of the Synod.

1. Collections on the Sabbath day while the congregation are met for public worship.

2. The envelope system, and

3. The plan of each member making a subscription of the amount which he will pay at stated times for the benevolent objects of the church.

Your committee therefore recommend for the adoption of the Synod the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That each pastor and stated supply be directed to urge upon the churches to which he ministers the scriptural duty of each member of the church, on the first day of the week, to lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.

Resolved, 2. That each church-session be directed to fix upon some plan by which each church-member shall have an opportunity of paying in the treasury these weekly contributions.

Resolved, 3. That the Synod recommend to the sessions of churches the consideration of each of the plans proposed above, viz:

1. Collections on the Sabbath day while the congregation are met for public worship.

2. The envelope system, and

3. The plan of each member making a subscription of the amount which he will pay at stated times for the benevolent objects of the church.

The Stated Clerk made the following statistical report of the Synod to the General Assembly, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S.

The Synod of North Carolina reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that, on the 16th day of October, 1869, they erected a new Presbytery out of a part of the Presbytery of Concord, and that the new Presbytery is to be known by the name of "The Presbytery of Mecklenburg;" and that now the Synod consists of five Presbyteries, and that these Pres-

byteries consist in whole of 96 ministers, having under their care 191 churches, 5 licentiates and 29 candidates, viz:

Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates.
Orange,	22	52	1	6
Concord,	21	32	1	8
Fayetteville,	19	44	0	8
Wilmington,	11	25	3	2
Mecklenburg,	23	38	0	5
Total,	96	191	5	29

The Synod further reports, that its next meeting will be held in Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday, October 5th, 1870, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

Morganton, N. C., October 16, 1869.

The committee on leave of absence made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee on leave of absence report that they gave permission to be absent to the following members of Synod after Friday morning's session, viz: Rev. H. L. Singleton; ruling-elders Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson and William Todd.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Morganton for their hospitality and kindness to the members of this body, and also to the authorities of the Methodist church for the use of their house of worship, and to the several railroad companies for facilities afforded to its members in attending this meeting.

The roll was then called and the following members were found to be absent without permission:

Presbytery of Orange—Ruling-Elder Wm Bingham.

Presbytery of Concord—Ruling-Elders J. M. Greenlee and J. A. Witherspoon.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet in the city of Raleigh on the first Wednesday in October 1870, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

ADDRESS OF THE SYNOD

Of the Presbyterian Church of North Carolina to the Churches under its oversight and care.

DEAR BRETHREN:—"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all." We feel impelled to address you again, as we have done from year to year. We have met here from different and widely-separated parts of the State; we have listened to the several narratives on the state of religion from the four Presbyteries that compose this Synod; we have conferred together and interchanged views on the condition and progress of that portion of the church of God committed to our episcopal or pastoral care. We cannot express all that the state of things around us and amongst us would suggest as appropriate and important. There is much to call for thankfulness, to awaken joy and inspire hope; but there are some things, beloved brethren, of a different character, which are calculated to excite fear and occasion sorrow, and which call for humility and repentance. We would enumerate some of each and make such suggestions thereupon as we humbly trust may be blessed to increase your zeal and faithfulness in every Christian duty, and to elevate, extend and deepen the purity and peace and holiness of the church of Jesus Christ.

It is a matter of thankfulness that, as a general thing, peace and harmony prevail in all our churches;—that so many churches and congregations are furnished with a living ministry and the means of grace;—that the great majority of these churches report some additions to their communion lists by the conversion of sinners—"by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost." (Titus iii: 5.) In some eighteen or twenty of our churches there have been seasons of special interest and gracious revival, where from fifteen to thirty communicants added to each church have been reported. We think it probable that not short of six or eight hundred souls have been brought from darkness to light during the past Synodical year. But, dear brethren, with greater faith and prayer and zeal, these numbers ought and would doubtless have been trebled or more: the Divine blessing is "according to our faith." (Matt. ix: 29.) Aye, more, "the victory that overcometh the world is our faith," (I John v: 4;) but *this faith*, indeed all genuine or living faith, is accompanied and attested by works. (James ii: 26.)

We rejoice to believe that our congregations are paying more and gradually increasing attention to Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes: still it is sad and painful to have to say that about eighty or more churches report no Sabbath-schools or Bible-classes. We would press attention to this subject, and urge the establishment of such schools or classes in all our congregations—in city, town and country:—it will cost time and trouble and self-denial, but it will return a rich revenue of reward to the teachers who engage in it, to the souls of our

children and youth, to the church and to the country. We would suggest that besides the regular Sabbath-schools in our towns and rural charges, some special efforts be made to establish *mission schools* in the suburbs and outskirts; they may often be established, and large schools formed where no one imagined or thought it possible. Let us learn to "sow beside all waters." (Isaiah xxxii: 20.) Large churches of other denominations have thus been built up, and some are this day building up, right under the shadow of some of our old churches.

We are glad too, to report to you that *"the grace"* of *giving*, (II. Cor. viii: 7.) seems to be on the increase,—that amid our poverty, trials and fears, the people of God do not turn away from the calls of Christian benevolence. And yet we have to confess, that in this regard there are large numbers of church members even in the congregations where contributions are taken up, who do not contribute anything, and there are about *one-half* of our *one hundred and ninety churches* that, according to the statistics in the General Assembly's Minutes, give nothing to support or extend the kingdom of God,—out of about 14,000 communicants in the Synod of N. C. we fear that more than 10,000 contribute nothing and never have done anything even in former years! God bless and reward the few who toil and make sacrifices for Christ, and increase their numbers, until every member of Christ's church shall feel it his or her duty and privilege to do something,—if it be but *a penny* saved by self-denial or a pair of socks knit and handed to the deacon. While on this subject, we would earnestly commend the general introduction of weekly contributions: a large and an increasing number of our congregations have introduced it, and all unite in saying that the scriptural, inspired plan (I. Corinth. xvi: 2,) is *wisest, easiest* and *best*. We do hope that faithful, patient and prudent efforts will be made to adopt this method in all our churches as fast and as far as possible.

We said in the opening of our address to you, dear brethren, that it was a matter of joy and thankfulness that so many of our congregations and districts of country were furnished with a living ministry and the means of grace; alas! however, dear brethren, there are many, many churches without pastors or stated supplies,—many that do not hear preaching even once a month,—many not once a year! In all such vacant churches we do urge the ruling-elders or the deacons, or in default of them, some of the other male members, to gather the people, read the Word of God and good books, and pray with and for the people, as we rejoice to know is now done in a goodly number of our vacant churches, and in our pastoral charges when the pastor is absent. But with all this, the cry is louder and louder for preachers of the gospel. We ought to have in this Synod at least *eight or ten evangelists* to labor and carry the banner of the cross outside of all our churches into the wide regions beyond,—in the eastern and western parts of the State. This is the great and crying want of the church in this Synod to-day. The meagre contribution to our sustentation and home missionary work is so small, that if every cent given in this Synod to this special object were dispensed within our bounds, it would not support fully even *two* evangelists; and yet we could employ *ten!* Dear brethren, while we are confessing this mournful fact and bewailing our leanness, feebleness and supineness, error of every sort is rife and spreading through our State. "The man of sin" has his eye on our broad lands,—our blue mountains and green valleys;

he has already instituted measures and is striving to spread the synagogues of Satan over all this State and over all our fair land. Romanism, with all its own invented ritualism, and its kindred and fawning but disowned puseyite daughter, are trying to supplant spiritual and New Testament religion by the forms and follies of the fourth to the sixteenth centuries of ruinous error and apostacy. We warn you against these delusions and damning corruption of the water of life. You cannot affiliate with these errors; you cannot help on directly or indirectly this unchristian, unscriptural, self-righteous, unholy, idolatrous, blasphemous, deceitful, soul-torturing, enslaving, persecuting and doomed synagogue of Satan, without peril to your souls and treason to Jesus Christ. "Stand fast," brethren, "in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free," and do not allow yourselves to be attracted or allured so as to be "entangled with the yoke" of its accursed "bondage." Are the pages of human history and of God's inspired and authoritative word all in vain? Shall this system of delusion and slavery—now trembling and fleeing from Europe—be hailed and welcomed and aided by the free and noble christian civilization of the South? Shall we allow ourselves to come within her arms and be hugged to her bosom, to feel too late the iron spike concealed beneath her vestment, (a figure suggested by one of the many engines of her torture and a fit emblem of herself;) and yet we have heard of Protestants, of communing members of Protestant churches, offering the papal church a welcome, giving to her bishop and priests lands and houses and money, and offering and sending their children to establish and support their schools and churches among our people. Romanism hates and fears the Presbyterian Church above all other organizations opposed to her. God grant we may always deserve to be feared and hated by her. We affirm here, and to-day, with unwavering confidence, that according to the Bible and the teachings of divine providence in history, "the Pope of Rome is antichrist—the man of sin and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the church against Christ and all that is called God."

But, dear brethren, we would have you remember that the strength and glory of the Presbyterian Church is in her gospel truths and scriptural doctrines, and in the personal piety—the spiritual heart-religion of her members. *In these alone can we prevail.* When we or our churches grow worldly and careless about the truth, and try to compete with ritualism and error, by organs, by choirs and by such like,—when by forms of human device we foolishly attempt to popularize, to improve or make more beautiful the simple christian worship inspired men have given us—we acknowledge our weakness, and are conquered before the first blow is struck. The Presbyterian Church is strong and will spread, so long as she continues to be, as she is, "scriptural in her character, ordinances and doctrines; apostolic in her forms, officers and order of government and worship; adapted to secure the religious liberty and prosperity of all her members:" and commissioned and commanded to "extend the blessings of salvation to the ends of the earth."

Beloved brethren, imbibe her spirit, live consistently with the precious truths —time-honored and martyr-honored, which you profess, teach them to your children, and make them and all others feel, that while some may glory in this or that or the other, you glory only in "Christ and him crucified,"— that you

belong to a church whose grandest and loftiest peculiarity it is, in her system and preaching, to hold up the Lord Jesus Christ, and nothing beside him, and nothing before him to divert or prevent the immediate approach of every penitent soul to him—the only centre and source of spiritual and eternal life.

JESSE RANKIN, Moderator.

REPORT OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits to the Synod of North Carolina the following report of their benevolent contributions for the year ending April 1st, 1869:

We have under our care 52 churches. Of these 31 report contributions to benevolent objects, and 19 of these contributed to all of the committees. 21 churches report no contributions; but 13 of these have only a nominal existence. One (viz: Henderson) raised $752 last year for building their church.

27 churches contributed to sustentation, including collection for disabled ministers,				$727 49
23 churches contributed to foreign missions,				445 90
25	do.	do.	to education,	1164 17
20	do.	do.	to publication,	249 29
Miscellaneous,				1481 66
Total,				$4068 51

The total contributions for this year exceed those of last year $333 51. The contributions to the committees are $78 85 more than they were the last year, ending April 1, 1868.

It will thus be seen that our Presbytery is advancing in its work in this department, and we hope that soon all our churches will be reported as engaged in this work. By order of Presbytery.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

September 1869.

REPORT OF CONCORD PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

To the Synod of North Carolina the Presbytery of Concord reports on Systematic Benevolence as follows:

1. All the objects of benevolence contemplated by the church receive attention.

2. The aggregate amounts contributed during the year ending May 1st, 1869, are as follows:

Sustentation,	$2089 00
Foreign Missions,	914 00
Education,	1601 00
Publication,	478 00
Miscellaneous purposes,	5249 00
Total,	$10,331 00

Our last report to Synod gave a total of $5642 28.

Thus it appears our contributions have been doubled during the last year. Still we cannot report *all* that our people have done for benevolence, not having system enough in our times and forms of reporting. However, from reports received it appears that, with three or four exceptions, all of the churches which have any pecuniary ability at all have done something for one, two or all the

causes of benevolence. There are about 15 churches on the roll of Presbytery whose existence is but nominal—without the ministrations of pastors, and some of them not having even a session; and therefore the Presbytery hears of and knows them only through reports of supplies sent to them. Taking these facts into account, the efforts made by the 50 contributing churches are encouraging, and inspire the hope that the good people of God under care of this Presbytery are beginning to appreciate their obligations and to respond to benevolent objects more liberally and cheerfully than heretofore.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Z. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 1869.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BEOEVOLENCE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The committee would respectfully report, that they are unable to make a satisfactory statement for want of the Treasurer's report, to which they have not had access.

It is believed, however, that some progress has been made in this good work, and we think that if our people were thoroughly indoctrinated as to the grace of giving, a much larger amount would be realized; and therefore we would again and earnestly beseech the ministers, elders and deacons to do their whole duty in this important department of Christian effort.

The whole amount contributed for the five different schemes of our church, from April 1868 to April 1869, was $1326 50, and for the past six months, closing October 1st, 1869, we hope the Treasurer's report, when received, will show some increase.

Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Morganton, N. C., October 14, 1869.

REPORT OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Wilmington would respectfully submit to the Synod of North Carolina the following report on Systematic Benevolence:

According to the report sent to the General Assembly last Spring,

16	churches contributed to	Sustentation,	$576 14
11	" "	" Foreign Missions,	169 20
10	" "	" Education,	1235 22
11	" "	" Publication,	92 55

And from April 1st to Sept. 23d, 1869, the Treasurer reports

13	churches contributed to	Sustentation,	$80 53
9	" "	" Foreign Missions,	44 43
4	" "	" Education,	19 50
5	" "	" Publication,	10 75
1	" "	" Disabled Ministers,	4 75

Respectfully submitted.

L. McKINNON, Stated Clerk.

Sept. 25th, 1869.

AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND PLAN OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN VIRGINIA.

Adopted by the Trustees on the 12th May 1869.

Article I.—Organization.

Sec. 1. This Institution shall be known as the "Union Theological Seminary in Virginia."

Sec. 2. This Seminary shall be under the care of the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, by whom Directors shall be appointed as hereinafter prescribed, who shall constitute an executive body to be known as the "Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia."

Sec. 3. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States shall have the right of general supervision over the interests of this Seminary, and, for this purpose, the Directors shall lay before the Assembly, at its annual meeting, a report setting forth the existing condition of the institution, and the Assembly can advise and recommend measures for its welfare. Should the Assembly see reason at any time to object to any of the acts of the Directors or other authorities of the institution, it shall send down to the Synods its opinion in the premises, but shall have no controlling negative, nor the right to originate any measures for the management of the Seminary.

Art. II.—Of the Directors.

Sec. 1. The Synods of North Carolina and Virginia shall each appoint twelve Directors, of whom eight shall be ordained ministers of the Gospel and four ruling-elders of the Presbyterian church; and the twenty-four persons thus appointed shall constitute the Board of Directors. Of the twelve appointed by each Synod three shall hold office for one, three for two, three for three, and three for four years from the date of their appointment, and may be re-eligible.

Sec. 2. The Directors shall meet annually, on the Tuesday succeeding the second Monday in May of each year, at 3 P. M., and on their own adjournment. Special meetings may be held on the call of the President or Secretary, when either officer shall be requested by three Directors to issue such a call; and notice shall be given to every Director, by mail or otherwise, ten days previous to the date of such meeting. Seven Directors shall constitute a quorum. The meetings shall be opened with prayer.

Sec. 3. The Board thus constituted shall elect, annually, a President, Vice President, and Secretary, who shall perform the duties indicated by the titles of said offices.

Sec. 4. Vacancies occurring in the Board, from any cause, shall be filled by the Synods to whom the Directors whose seats are thus vacated shall belong. And when any member failing to attend two annual meetings consecutively, without being excused therefor, or removing from the bounds of the Synods electing him, or forfeits his ecclesiastical or official connection by immoral conduct, or becoming disabled by mental or physical disability, or by death, the Board shall declare his seat vacant, and report the fact to the Synod next succeeding the meeting when such declaration shall be made.

Sec. 5. The Board shall, at each meeting, qualify any newly-elected Directors who shall appear, and, whenever a Professor shall be elected, direct the manner of his induction into office, by such ceremonies and religious services as may be deemed best.

ART. III.—OF THE TRUSTEES.

Sec. 1. The persons named in the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia incorporating the Seminary, passed 9th Jan'y 1867, and their successors chosen in the mode prescribed by law, shall constitute the Board of "the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia," (the corporate title.)

Sec. 2. The Trustees shall meet annually, immediately after the adjournment of the Directors assembled on that day, and on their own adjournment. A special meeting may be held on the call of the President or Secretary, issued at the request of any three Trustees, and notice of such meeting (given by mail or otherwise) shall be given to each Trustee at least ten days previous to the day of such meeting.

Sec. 3. The Board shall elect a President and two Vice Presidents, from their own body, and a Secretary and Treasurer, who may or may not be a Trustee. These officers shall perform the duties indicated by their titles, and each shall hold office till their successors shall enter on the duties of office. The Secretary and Treasurer, when not members of the Board, may participate, as members, in its deliberations and serve on committees. The same person may be eligible to both offices.

Sec. 4. The professors and other ministers or communicants may be invited by the Board to participate in its deliberations, and be entrusted with duties of committees to consider and report, and to execute the orders of the Board.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall, from time to time, execute the official bond required by law, and he shall receive such compensation as the Board may direct. At every annual meeting he shall present a full report of the condition of the treasury of the Seminary, with a detailed statement of his receipts and disbursements, and shall make other reports, verbally and in writing, when required by the Board.

Sec. 6. The Trustees shall appoint three Auditors (any two of whom may act) to whom the Treasurer shall submit his annual accounts and vouchers, and the Auditors shall report the result of their examinations thereof at the following annual meeting. Any vacancy in the office of Auditor shall be supplied by the President.

Sec. 7. The Trustees shall annually appoint an Executive Committee of five Trustees. This committee, on its own motion or on the request of the Treasurer, shall give its advice to him in writing on any matters affecting the funds, and, for any act of the Treasurer under said advice, he shall be relieved of responsibility. This committee may also transact any business (not requiring a larger vote than the whole committee might cast) during the recess of the Board, and especially may grant, by their signatures, authority to execute powers of attorney for the sale of securities; and may execute any other legal paper for the Board.

Sec. 8. A committee of repairs, of not less than five persons, shall be annually appointed by the Trustees, whose duty it shall be to direct such repairs as shall be needed on the buildings or enclosures of the Seminary, and draw on the Treasurer in payment thereof; *provided* the total amount shall not exceed two hundred dollars, or such other sum as the Board may appropriate.

Sec. 9. The Trustees shall appoint a Librarian and Intendant. To this last named officer shall be committed the care of the Seminary buildings and grounds.

including needful attention to the rooms of the students, the chapel and lecture-rooms, under the general supervision of the committee of repairs.

Sec. 10. Vacancies occurring in the Board shall be filled by the Trustees. A Trustee shall have vacated his seat by unexcused absence for two consecutive annual meetings, by death, by bodily or mental inability to act, by voluntary resignation, or by ceasing to be a Director.

Sec. 11. Elections shall ordinarily take place at the annual meetings. Whenever a special meeting shall be required for elections, together with the notice of such meeting herein before provided for, there shall be added a notice of the election proposed.

Sec. 12. All elections, unless otherwise ordered, shall be *viva voce*, with or without nomination. Three-fourths of the Trustees present shall be necessary for the choice of a Professor, and a majority in all other elections.

Sec. 13. The General Rules adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States are hereby adopted, so far as applicable, as the Rules of Order for the Trustees.

Sec. 14. The Trustees shall fix the salaries of the Professors, which shall be of an equal amount; and no Professor shall be entitled to receive fees for instruction given the students in any department of study belonging to the prescribed course of study in the Seminary.

Sec. 15. The Trustees shall make an annual report to the General Assembly and to the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia.

ART. IV.—OF THE FACULTY.

Sec. 1. The Faculty of the Seminary shall consist of the Professors. Other instructors, appointed by the Trustees or the Faculty, may sit with the Faculty and participate, but not vote, in their deliberations. No person shall be installed a Professor who is not an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Sec. 2. Each Professor, when elected and having signified his acceptance of such office, shall, from the time of such acceptance, be obliged to perform all the duties and be entitled to all the emoluments of such office. But it shall be his duty, at the first annual meeting of the Directors occurring after such election, to deliver a discourse appropriate to his inauguration, in the presence of the Directors, and shall also enter into the following engagement:—[here insert the "engagement" in the Old Plan, P. 27, Art. ii; Sec. 13.] And the other exercises of the occasion shall be prescribed by the Directors.

Sec. 3. At the first annual meeting after his election each Professor shall lay before the Trustees a detailed exhibition of the system and method of instruction he proposes to pursue, and thereafter, at his discretion, may suggest such modifications as appear to him desirable; the whole to be subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Sec. 4. The Faculty shall annually appoint a President of its own number. In the absence or inability of the President the official senior Professor shall preside. They shall appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a record of all their transactions, and the book of records shall annually be submitted to the Trustees for their approval and revision. Any papers requiring the authentication of the Faculty must be signed by the President or the Secretary.

Sec. 5. For the complete organization of the instruction of the Seminary there shall be not less than four Professorships. The titles thereof shall be fixed by the Trustees, who shall have authority to transfer a Professor from one department to another, or modify his prescribed duties; *provided* nothing be done in the premises without the consent of the Professor affected. In any event provision shall be constantly made for instruction in natural and revealed theology, church history and government, and the interpretation of the Scriptures in the original languages.

Sec. 6. To the Faculty shall be assigned the entire police of the Seminary and control of the uses of the buildings and grounds and all parts thereof; the regulation of the hours of worship, of lectures, of recitations, of recreations, of meetings of students in societies, and of whatever pertains to the promotion of the piety, knowledge and social health of the students.

Sec. 7. The Faculty may suspend or dismiss any student who may render himself liable to such punishment by conduct which would incur similar church censures, or for such indolence or inattention to study as render him, in their judgment, an unfit person to remain in the Seminary. Of all proceedings in such cases a full account shall be entered on the records of the Faculty. Such student shall have the right of appeal to the Trustees, of which he shall file notice with the President of the Faculty and of the Trustees, at least ten days before the meeting of the Board, if such period shall elapse from the period of his sentence; otherwise notice shall be as long as practicable.

Sec. 8. A Professor, intending to resign his office, shall file with the Secretary of the Trustees a notice to that effect at least three months prior to the annual meeting of the Board.

Sec. 9. The lectures and recitations shall be introduced with prayer. There shall be held daily seasons of prayer, not less than two, excepting on Saturdays and Sundays, on which all students shall attend, and at least one Professor.

Art. V.—Of Course of Study.

Sec. 1. The regular course of study and instruction in the Seminary shall occupy not less than three scholastic years.

Sec. 2. The branches of study ordinarily comprised in the course shall be as follows, viz:

1. The original languages of the Old Testament Scriptures, the Hebrew and Chaldee.

2. The Greek language, as presented in the New Testament.

3. The criticism and interpretation of both the Old and New Testament Scriptures in the original languages, and those subjects of study connected with these topics.

4. Natural and Revealed Theology.

5. The History and Polity of the Church.

6. Pastoral and Sacred Rhetoric.

Sec. 3. The students shall be trained in the art of expounding and preaching the Scriptures, and of discussing theological subjects, by such original essays as the Professors may direct to be read in their presence and subject to their criticism; especially each student of the Senior and Middle classes shall be required to

preach, in the presence of the Faculty and students and other persons, twice in each term or oftener; one sermon to be delivered without notes and one with the manuscript. The members of the Junior class shall prepare and read before the Faculty and the class two essays on any topic of a religious character, and, in turn with other members of other classes, shall preach one sermon publicly in each year.

ART. VI.—OF THE STUDENTS.

Sec. 1. Any young man who is a communicant of any Christian church of evangelical faith, being a graduate of a respectable College or presenting satisfactory testimonials of possessing such literary qualifications, especially in the languages, as would entitle him to enter the Senior class of any College, may be admitted to the privileges of the Seminary. But if such a student be a communicant in the Presbyterian church, and if not already under the care of some Presbytery, he shall be required to form such relations within six months after propounding himself for admission.

Sec. 2. Every student, on propounding himself for admission to the Seminary, if not already under the care of some Presbytery, shall sustain a satisfactory examination by the Faculty on his knowledge, piety and motives in seeking the gospel ministry.

Sec. 3. Before entering on his studies he shall subscribe the following declaration:— [here insert the declaration in Old Plan under Art. on Students.]

Sec. 4. The vacation shall commence on the day succeeding the annual meeting of the Board, and close on the second Monday in September.

ART. VII.—OF THE LIBRARY.

Sec. 1. The Trustees shall provide suitable accommodations for the library, and use due diligence in the preservation of the books and the increase of the library.

Sec. 2. The librarian shall appoint a deputy librarian, who shall execute suitable provisions to secure the students the benefits of the library, as directed by the librarian, under the advice of the Faculty and direction of the Trustees.

Sec. 3. The librarian shall keep a copy of the regulations for the use of the library posted in an accessible position in the library.

ART. VIII.—OF AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1. This Constitution and Plan may be altered and amended at any annual meeting of the Trustees by a vote for such change of five-sixths of the members present.

Sec. 2. Any other regulations and rules for the management of the institution, deemed advisable by the Trustees and not inconsistent with this Constitution and Plan and the Charter, may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

Sec. 3. All changes herein contemplated and all additions deemed of sufficient importance shall be reported to the Synods for their approbation; and while such changes or additions may be valid till the meetings of the Synods, in the event of their disapprobation the Trustees shall feel instructed to repeal such changes and additions.

A copy:—Teste. C. C. READ, Secretary.

Hampden Sidney, Va., June 1, 1869.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Trustees and Directors of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia to the Synod of North Carolina.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, VA., 12th May, 1869.

The Trustees and Directors respectfully submit to the Synod of North Carolina the following report:

The Faculty of the Seminary consists of the following professors:

Rev. S. B. Wilson, D.D., President and Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology and Introduction.

Rev. R. L. Dabney, D.D., Professor (Assistant) of Systematic and Polemic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

Rev. B. M. Smith, D.D., Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature.

Rev. Tho. E. Peck, D.D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Polity.

The Trustees and Directors who were present at the annual meeting in May 1869 were: The Rev. Messrs. S. A. Stanfield, (President,) J. H. Smith, J. Rumple, E. Hines, J. M. Atkinson, F. H. Johnston, J. P. McPherson, and Elder E. Nye Hutchinson, of the Synod of North Carolina; and Rev. Messrs. W. H. Foote, D.D., C. H. Read, D.D., S. D. Stuart, J. H. Fitzgerald, H. C. Alexander, H. M. White, with Elders E. M. Armstrong, A. G. McIlwaine and C. C. Read, of the Synod of Virginia. The following trustees were absent, viz: Rev. J. M. Sherwood and Elders N. M. Roane and M. V. Lanier, of North Carolina; and Rev. J. J. Bullock, D.D., W. Brown, D.D., and C. L. Peyton, Esq., of the Synod of Virginia. Messrs. Peyton, Brown and Roane made satisfactory excuses for absence. The terms of office of the following Directors expire with the Synods of 1869: Messrs. H. M. White, S. D. Stuart and A. G. McIlwaine, of Virgina, and Messrs. F. H. Johnston and J. M. Atkinson, of North Carolina. The death of Judge J. G. Shepherd creates a vacancy to be filled by the Synod of North Carolina.

The number of students in attendance during the scholastic year was twenty-six; and certificates were awarded the following students of having completed the course of study, viz: J. B. Converse of Va., A. Cowan of Tenn., W. E. Hill of Va., H. R. Laird of Va., W. D. Morton of Va., and J. S. Young of Tenn. The report of the examining committee was most satisfactory, indicating great fidelity on the part of the professors, and diligence and proficiency on the part of the students.

LIBRARY.—The library contains 5800 volumes, 91 of which have been added since May 1869. Among the valuable additions by donation from the liberal friends of the Seminary is a copy of the elegant print fac-simile of the Codex Sinaiticus, costing $125 in gold, presented by T. W. C. Patton of New York, and is now in transit from Europe. Measures have been taken to procure plans and specifications for a library building, which, when erected, will add to the attractions of the public grounds. Donations, to the amount of $3000, in public securities, by Messrs. J. L. Weeks of Baltimore, J. T. Soutter of New York, and W. C. Gilman of New York, have been made to the library fund since 1st Dec. 1868. The Directors record with great pleasure these manifestations of interest on the part of the generous friends of Seminary, in its library.

FINANCES.—It is hoped that the incomes from the invested funds will yield a sufficient sum to meet the current expenses and the payment of salaries. The

investments from which these incomes are derived are of the nominal value of one hundred and forty-five thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars and one cent, ($145,875 01;) but it is proper to add that, in the disturbed condition of political affairs and from other causes, a portion of the public securities may prove unavailing for income during the next fiscal year. In addition to the Scholarships heretofore reported, the Trustees take pleasure in informing the Synod that a friend in Massachusetts has recently made the liberal donation of a certificate of the registered debt of Virginia, amounting to four thousand dollars, to found a scholarship in the institution. The "Olyphant" scholarship has been fully paid by the Messrs. Olyphant of New York, amounting to $3000.

These donations, together with those mentioned to the library fund, by parties residing north of the Potomac, call for thankfulness to God that He has raised up these friends of our beloved Seminary in that region of our country.

The Trustees respectfully recommend to the Synods to inquire, at each of their annual meetings, whether ample provision has been made for the payment of the expenses of Directors incurred in executing the high trust confided to their hands by the Synods—the representatives of the Church. Funds for this purpose ought to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer *before* the 1st day of May of each year. It is feared that valuable members of the Board have failed to attend its deliberations because their expenses have not been provided for.

THE "PLAN AND CONSTITUTION."—The Trustees have revised the Plan and Constitution, (recognized in an important legal particular in the Charter,) in order to bring it into harmony with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation. This amended Constitution and Plan is herewith reported and submitted to the Synods and Assembly for approval and ratification. It is deemed of practical importance that each Synod should make a deliverance on this subject *at its annual meeting in* 1869, and that their action in the premises should be certified to the Trustees of the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

On a review of the history of this Seminary for the past twelve months, and viewing its present hopeful condition, the Trustees and Directors feel authorized to call upon the Synods, and the followers of Christ throughout our church, to thank the Great Head of the Church that He continues to give to this institution so many evidences of His favor. Its past success and usefulness demand renewed effort and zeal in building up this "School of the Prophets."

The Board can with confidence and sincerity say to the church, that Union Theological Seminary presents to her young men, who are preparing for the noble work of preaching the Gospel, advantages of a high order in the prosecution of their studies.

Above all, let the Synods call upon each of their members to pray to the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth more laborers into His harvest.

The official list is hereto appended as a part of this report.

By order of the Directors.

C. C. READ, Secretary.

Farmville, Va., 12th May 1869.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARDS.—Rev. S. A. Stanfield, N. C., President; Rev. W. H. Foote, D.D., and Mr. A. G. McIlwaine, Va., Vice Presidents. C. C. Read, Secretary; F. N. Watkins, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary; Revs. W. Brown, C.

H. Read, Messrs. E. M. Armstrong, A. G. McIlwaine and C. C. Read, Executive Committee; Rev. B. M. Smith, Librarian; Rev. T. E. Peck, Intendant; J. T. Spencer, R. J. McKinney and C. C. Read, Auditors.

The post office address of the Faculty and students is Hampden Sidney, Va.; that of the Treasurer and Secretary is Farmville, Va. C. C. R.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Trustees report that they have no funds and no business under their care except the funds and the business growing out of a legacy of Abraham Lorantz. At a meeting of the Trustees in the town of Statesville, on Tuesday the 12th of this month, the subjoined was ascertained to be the history and the present condition of this fund: Abraham Lorantz lived in the county of Iredell, made his will in the year 1826 and died in 1828. He made in his will certain specific legacies, and directed that after the death of his widow the remainder of his lands and certain negroes, as specified, should be sold; and after discharging the legacies, "the balance of the money should be vested in the hands of the Trustees of Synod, to the end that it may further the promulgation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ." These last words are the words of the will, designating the object for which the donation was made. Mrs. Lorantz died in 1844; the land was sold in the fall of 1844 by the administrator of Mrs. Lorantz, and as the Trustees deemed the bid on it ($700) too low, they bid it in for the benefit of the Synod, at that price. They held it, paid taxes and received rent, to the year 1848; when they sold it at $800, upon 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years' time without interest. Three of the original notes are still standing and one of later date. One is dated 22d August 1848, at three years, for $126 26, subject to a credit of $76 45 on 11th of April 1854, signed by James H. Stevenson; net balance, principal and interest, on 12th October 1869, $134 71. One 22d August 1848, for $43 40 at four years, signed by James Lyons, James Stevenson and Moses Ramer, and netting at this date $88 02. One 22d August 1848, at five years, for $45 50, signed by James Lyons, James Stevenson and Moses Ramer, subject to a credit of $22 on 15th January 1854, and one of 50 cents on 22d May 1854; net balance this date $47 19. The fourth note is dated 17th January 1860, for $17 87, one day after date, and signed by James H. Stevenson; net at this time $28 30. These four notes, being the balance due for the lands, amount, with the interest at this date, to $298 22. The net proceeds of receipts from rents and payments on notes for the land were invested in loans to The Concord Female College, and $235 to the Synod's committee on Colportage, as authorized by an order of Synod at Greensboro', October 1846, and as also appears by the receipt of Mr. George McNeill, Sen., of Fayetteville.

The Trustee held four notes against the Trustees of Concord Female College. 1st, $100, 14th May 1859; 2d, $310, 19th May 1859; 3d, $304 56, 2d Feb'y 1860; and the 4th, $226 25, 25th October 1862;—all due one day after date. On the 12th of this month we obtained a renewal of these notes, and now hold one note for $1468 34, due one day after date and dated 12th October 1869. The Trustees give as the reason why the notes on James Lyons and James Stevenson have not been renewed, that the Treasurer, for some length of time, was unable to lay his hands on them, and after finding them he has not had an opportunity. Neither of the parties live in Statesville; otherwise an effort would have been

made to have secured a renewal on the 12th of this month, when the renewal was made by the College. The Trustees desire to say and to assure the Synod that proper attention will be given to these notes at a very early day. The Synod will perceive from the foregoing that our claim at this time against

James Lyons, principal and interest, is	$135 01
James Stevenson, " " "	163 21
Concord Female College,	1468 34
Making a total in our hands of	$1766 56

The Synod has enjoined upon the Trustees to answer as to the solvency of these debts. We beg to say and we deeply regret to say, yet in obedience to the requisition of the Synod itself we must say, that the claim against Concord Female College is totally unavailable at this time, and we fear for the future hopeless and lost, unless in the developments of the future—in a combination of creditors or a compromise of the debts—some distribution of assets should assign to the Synod a portion of its claim. The embarrassment of the College is well known to the members of the Synod. A mortgage on the property of the Seminary in favor of Davidson College creates a lien of, say in round numbers, $10,000; other liabilities outstanding may swell the indebtedness, principal and interest, to $20,000. The Trustees had at their command no data upon which to base a calculation to ascertain the exact amount, but the above figures approximate near enough to the true sum for our present purpose. Your Trustees conceive that it is within the province of their duty to suggest that the Synod authorize them to accept any settlement that they may judge to be proper under all the circumstances; at all events that they be instructed to receive and entertain propositions, and to hold conferences with the Trustees of the College and the other creditors, and to report the result to the Synod.

In reference to the two individual debts, the Trustees ask to be allowed to explain to the committee which you will appoint to pass upon this report. The parties are of limited means, one is an elder of one of our churches and has suffered greatly by a recent fire; both are much crippled, as all of us are by the events of the late war—rendering all obligations more or less precarious. The Trustees will speak freely with the committee and communicate all the information they have, and will recommend the course of action they deem wise under all the circumstances. We suggest the above simply to avoid a statement in public.

The Synod at its meeting in Newbern, 1867, instructed the Trustees to pay over to Rev. J. Henry Smith, Synodical Agent for Publication, whatever money they might collect. They have to report that none has been collected.

The notes referred to in this report are in the house and will be here during the sessions of Synod, and are open to the inspection of any one who may desire to see them. Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS A. ALLISON,
W. F. COWAN,
D. A. DAVIS,
JESSE H. LINDSAY,
Trustees.

Morganton October 13, 1869.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

RECEIPTS.

1869, May 19.	Assessment on Orange Presbytery for 1869.	$75 00
"	" Fayetteville " " "	50 00
June 5.	" " Concord " " "	75 00
		$200 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

1869, May 21.	Paid Rev. J. M. Sherwood for printing, as per his account and receipt,	$142 97
Oct. 13.	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	57 03
		$200 00

JESSE H. LINDSAY, Treasurer of Synod.

Morganton, October 13, 1869.

Moderators of the Synod of North Carolina.

	MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1813.	Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814.	Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.
1815.	Rev. William McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816.	Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818.	Rev, Joseph Caldwell, D.D.	Fayetteville.
1819.	Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, M.D.	Raleigh.
1820.	Rev. William Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821.	Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822.	Rev. John Robinson	Hillsboro'.
1823.	Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824.	Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825.	Rev. John B. Davis	Greensboro'.
1826.	Rev. William McPheeters, D.D.	Fayetteville.
1827.	Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D.	Salisbury.
	The Stated Clerk has no record of this and two succeeding meetings	
1828.	Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829.	Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.
1830.	Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.
1831.	Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsboro'.
1832.	Rev. Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833.	Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834.	Rev. James W. Douglass	Oxford.
1835.	Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Salisbury.
1836.	Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville.
1837.	Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh Church.
1838.	Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church.
1839.	Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.
1840.	Rev. Alexander Wilson, D.D.	Danville, Va.
1841.	Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.

1842. Rev. Walter S. Pharr.. .....Poplar Tent.
1843. Rev. James Phillips..... .....Raleigh.
1844. Rev. Simeon Colton.....Fayetteville.
1845. Rev. Samuel Williamson.... .....Charlotte.
1846. Rev. Drury Lacy.....Greensboro'.
1847. Rev. Evander McNair.....Fayetteville.
1848. Rev. Cyrus Johnston.....Salisbury.
1849. Rev. John A. Gretter.....Hillsboro'.
1850. Rev. Adam Gilchrist.....Centre.
1851. Rev. Archibald Baker.....Rocky River.
1852. Rev. William N. Mebane.....Danville, Va.
1853. Rev. Hector McLean.....Wilmington.
1854. Rev. A. L. Watts.....Concord.
1855. Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D.D.....Greensboro'.
1856. Rev. Neill McKay.....Fayetteville.
1857. Rev. Walter W. Pharr.....Charlotte.
1858. Rev. Jacob Doll.....Newbern.
1859. Rev. F. K. Nash,..... .....Wilmington.
1860. Rev. R. H. Lafferty.....Statesville.
1861. Rev. Edward Hines.....Raleigh.
1862. Rev. John M. Sherwood.....Goldsboro'.
1863. Rev. R. N. Davis.....Salisbury.
1864. Rev. A. G. Hughes.....Greensboro'.
1865. Rev. Colin Shaw.....Fayetteville.
1866. Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D.D,.....Charlotte.
1867. Rev. Archibald Currie.....Newbern.
1868. Rev. D. D. McBryde.....Wilmington.
1869. Rev. Jesse Rankin..... .Morganton.

Stated Clerks of the Synod of North Carolina.

1813. Rev. Robert H. Chapman.
1818. Rev. Colin McIver.
1849. Rev. Drury Lacy.
1855. Rev. Archibald Baker.
1859. Rev. Jacob Doll.

Union Theological Seminary.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Rev. F. H. Johnston.
Rev. J. M. Atkinson.
Mr. P. Murphy, Ruling-Elder.
To go out in 1873.

SECOND CLASS TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. J. H. Smith.
Rev. J. M. Sherwood.
Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, Ruling-Elder.
To go out in 1872.

THIRD CLASS TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

Rev. J. P. McPherson.
Rev. Edward Hines.
Dr. N. M. Roan, Ruling-Elder.
To go out in 1871.

FOURTH CLASS TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. S. A. Stanfield.
Rev. J. Rumple.
Mr. A. T. Summey, Ruling-Elder.
To go out in 1870.

Trustees of Synod.

Col. Thomas A. Allison.....Statesville, N. C.
Mr. D. A. Davis.....Salisbury, N. C.
Mr. William F. Cowan.....Statesville, N. C.
Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay.....Greensboro', N. C.

Agents of Synod.

Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Agent of Foreign Missions.
Rev. J. M. Sherwood, Agent of Sustentation.
Rev. Neill McKay, D.D., Agent of Education.
Rev. J. Henry Smith, Agent of Publication and Colportage.

Treasurer of Synod.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, Greensboro', N. C.

DOCKET

OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA,

To be held in Raleigh, N. C., October 5th, 1870.

1. Prayer.
2. Roll called.
3. Moderator chosen.
4. Temporary Clerks chosen.
5. Minutes read.
6. Absentees from the last meeting of Synod.

From the Presbytery of Orange.—Rev. Messrs. G. W. Ferrill, Drury Lacy, D.D., C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, D.D., C. H. Wiley, W. B. Tidball, H. B. Pratt and D. T. Towles.

From the Presbytery of Concord.—Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., A. D. Montgomery, Daniel Lindley, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall. T. P. Johnston, Thomas E. Davis, S. C. Millen, G. D. Parks, Robert Bradley, R. B. Anderson.

From the Presbytery of Fayetteville.—Rev. Messrs. H. McNeill, A. McMillan, H. McAlister, D. D. McBryde, James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, J: H. Coble and D. Fairley.

From the Presbytery of Wilmington.—Rev. Messrs. D. B. Black, H. A. Munroe, C. Shaw, N. Z. Graves, J. M. Sprunt, B. F. Marable and James Kelly.

7. Read the statistical reports of Orange, Concord, Fayetteville, Wilmington and Mecklenburg Presbyteries.
8. Read the narrative of Orange Presbytery on the state of religion.
9. Read the narrative of Concord Presbytery on the state of religion.
10. Read the narrative of Fayetteville Presbytery on the state of religion.
11. Read the narrative of Wilmington Presbytery on the state of religion.
12. Read the narrative of Mecklenburg Presbytery on the state of religion.
13. Appoint the following standing committees:
    1. On Bills and Overtures.
    2. Judicial Committee.
    3. On the Minutes of Orange Presbytery.
    4. On the Minutes of Concord Presbytery.
    5. On the Minutes of Fayetteville Presbytery.

6. On the Minutes of Wilmington Presbytery.

7. On the Minutes of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

8. To prepare an address to the Churches on the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod.

9. On devotional exercises.

10. On the Treasurer's account.

11. On the Minutes of the General Assembly.

12. On Union Theological Seminary.

13. On the report of the Trustees of Synod.

14. On leave of absence.

14. Read the report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary.

15. The term of office of the fourth class of Directors of Union Theological Seminary expires at this meeting of Synod, viz: Rev. S. A. Stanfield, Rev. J. Rumple and Mr. A. T. Summey, Ruling-Elder.

16. Absentees at the calling of the roll at the close of the last session of Synod at Morganton. [See Minutes of last session.]

17. Read the report of Orange Presbytery on systematic benevolence.

18. Read the report of Concord Presbytery on systematic benevolence.

19. Read the report of Fayetteville Presbytery on systematic benevolence.

20. Read the report of Wilmington Presbytery on systematic benevolence.

21. Read the report of Mecklenburg Presbytery on systematic benevolence.

22. Report on the life and labors of Rev. Robert Tate. Rev. J. M. Sprunt and Rev. C. Shaw committee, appointed in 1867.

23. Report on the life and labors of Rev. Alex'r Wilson, D.D. Rev. C. Phillips, D.D., Rev. A. G. Hughes and Mr. Thomas Sparrow, Ruling-Elder, committee, appointed in 1867.

24. Report on the life and labors of Rev. Daniel Johnson. Rev. J. H. Coble, Rev. M. McNair and A. Baker, Ruling-Elder, committee, appointed in 1868.

25. Report on the life and labors of Rev. Thomas Lynch.

Rev. A. Currie, Rev. F. H. Johnston and Mr. T. B. Donnell, Ruling-Elder, committee, appointed in 1869.

26. Report of the Trustees of Synod.

27. Report of the Treasurer of the Synod.

28. Report of the Agent of Sustentation, Rev. J. M. Sherwood.

29. Report of the Agent of Education, Rev. N. McKay, D.D.

30. Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. R. Z. Johnston.

31. Report of the Agent of Publication and Colportage, Rev. J. H. Smith.

32. Shall the Minutes of Synod be printed and how many copies?

33. Statistical report of the Synod to the General Assembly.

34. Time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

35. Call the roll at the close of the session.